| States/Ut | Total |
|---|---|
| Punjab | 12.30 |
| Rajasthan | 199.34 |
| Sikkim | 2.81 |
| Tamil Nadu | 44.01 |
| Tripura | 9.73 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 80.61 |
| West Bengal | 25.36 |
| UTs | 36.04 |
| Total | 1295.74 |

N. B. The above estimate is not based on a country-wide survey of all wastelands in the country.

**Green Area Ridge of Delhi**

196. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that green area ridge in the capital has been encroached by CRPF without the official permission of the concerned authorities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CRPF are increasing its area by destroying green plants from the sites occupied by them;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter to protect the ridge from being encroached by Government gencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Reserve Police Force has established tents and certain semi-pucca structures in Central and South Central Ridge in the Capital.

(d) The concerned authorities, Delhi Development Authority and the Central Public Works Department have taken-up the matter with Ministry of Home Affairs and the Director General, Central Reserue Police Force, Government of India.

**Forest Plan for Tribal Areas in the country**

197. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any forest plan for tribal areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have consulted the Bihar Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) All the State Go-Governments have been advised to involve local people in afforestation of degraded forests and protection of Forests on usufruct sharing. Detailed/ guidelines have been issued by the Central Government to this effect. In addition, the Union Government proposes to launch in the VIIIth Five Year Plan a pilot scheme with 100% assistance to State Governments to take up projects in association with tribals and rural poor for regeneration of degraded forests on usufruct sharing basis.

**National Pollution Control Policy**

198. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Policy on Control of Pollution; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Protection of the environment has always been a major concern and has been built into all programmes, projects and policies taken up so far. This has to be a continuing process. As part of the process, who have to seek integration of environmental and economic aspects in development planning: lay stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatemen; promote technological inputs for reducing the industrial pollutants and increase reliance upon cooperation in securing a clean environment particularly the support of the State Governments. Keeping these considerations in view, a policy statement on abatement of pollution has been prepared to deal with integration of environmental and economic aspects in the development planning and stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement. The objective of this policy is to integrate environmental considerations into decision making at all levels. To achieve this, steps have to be taken to:

—prevent pollution at source:

—encourage, develop and apply the best available, practicable technical solutions;

—ensure that the pollutor pays for the pollution and control arragegements.

—focus protection on heavily polluted areas and river stretches; and

—involve the public in decision making.

**राष्ट्रीय पार्क तथा अभयारण्य**

**199. श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय पार्कों तथा अभयारण्यों में पशु अस्पताल नहीं हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) ऐसे राष्ट्रीय पार्कों तथा अभयारण्यों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां ऐसे अस्पताल हैं तथा उन पर पिछले तीन वर्षों में वर्ष-वार कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई है ?

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ)** : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

**वन्यजीव संबंधी अपराध के मामले**

200. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वन्यजीव संबंधी अपराध के राज्य-वार तथा वर्ष-वार कितने कितने मामले दर्ज किये गये ; और

(ख) उन पर अभी तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ।

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ)** : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

**Private forest rearing by allotting Government Promboke Lands**

201. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage the Private forest rearing by allotting Government Promboke lands; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to establish Private afforestation of waste lands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Governments wastelands are referred to as poromboke lands in Tamil Nadu. Allotment of lands is done at the State level by the concerned State Governments. The question of the Government of India